

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 ~~145~~. (Currently amended) A method of forming an undergarment comprising:

inserting an adhesive layer between a first fabric layer and a second fabric layer to form a fabric composite, said composite having a periphery that is larger than an outer periphery of the undergarment;

causing said adhesive layer to form a laminate from said composite; and

removing a selvage from said laminate at said outer periphery to form a self finished edge of the undergarment, wherein said self finished edge is a cut edge.

2 ~~146~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~145~~, wherein the undergarment is a brassiere.

147. Cancelled

3 ~~148~~. (Currently amended) The method as in claim ~~145~~, wherein said self finished edge resists unraveling.

4 ~~149~~. (Currently amended) The method as in claim ~~145~~, wherein said self finished edge has a shape selected from the group consisting of a straight edge, a scalloped edge, and any combination of the foregoing thereof.

5 ~~150~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~145~~,¹ wherein said selvage is between about one half of an inch and an inch.

6 ~~151~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~145~~,¹ wherein removing said selvage from said laminate comprises moving a cutting device along said outer periphery.

7 ~~152~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~145~~,¹ wherein removing said selvage from said laminate comprises punching a die into said laminate wherein said die corresponds to said outer periphery.

8 ~~153~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~145~~,¹ wherein said adhesive layer only bonds said first and second fabric layers together in a selected region so that a non-bonded region is formed.

9 ~~154~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~153~~,⁸ wherein said non-bonded region is a breast cup region.

155. Cancelled

10 ~~156~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~145~~,¹ further comprising molding a portion of said laminate to a desired shape after causing said adhesive layer to form said laminate.

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~~11~~ 157. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~156~~,
wherein said desired shape defines a breast cup region of the
undergarment.

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~~12~~ 158. (Currently amended) The method as in claim ~~145~~,
further comprising gluing or fusing a first region of said self
finished edge to a second region of said self finished edge to
form a continuous closed tubular undergarment.

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~~13~~ 159. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~145~~,
further comprising inserting a fabric member between said first
fabric layer and said adhesive layer.

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~~14~~ 160. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~159~~,
wherein said fabric member is selected from the group consisting
of an underwire channel, a gore, a fabric panel, a bridging
piece, and any combination of the foregoing.

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~~15~~ 161. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~159~~,
wherein said fabric member is an underwire channel.

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~~16~~ 162. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~161~~,
further comprising inserting an underwire into said underwire
channel before or after causing said adhesive layer to form said
laminate.

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~~17~~ 163. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~145~~,
wherein said first fabric layer defines an exterior layer or an
interior layer of the undergarment.

~~18~~ 164. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~145~~,¹ further comprising abutting a first fabric to a second fabric to form at least one of said first and second fabric layers.

~~19~~ 165. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~164~~,¹⁸ further comprising inserting a bridging piece between said first fabric layer and said adhesive layer at a juncture of said first and second fabrics.

~~20~~ 166. (Currently amended) A method of forming an undergarment comprising:

applying an adhesive layer to a first fabric layer;

overlying said adhesive layer with a second fabric layer;

causing said adhesive layer to bond said first and second fabric layers together to form a laminate, said laminate having a periphery that is larger than an outer periphery of the undergarment; and

cutting said laminate along said outer periphery to form a self finished edge of the undergarment that resists unraveling, wherein said self finished edge is a cut edge.

~~21~~ ~~167~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~166~~,²⁰ wherein said adhesive layer only bonds said first and second fabric layers together in a selected region so that a non-bonded region is formed.

²² ~~168~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~167~~,²¹
wherein said non-bonded region is a breast cup region.

169. Cancelled

²³ ~~170~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~166~~,²⁰
further comprising molding a portion of said laminate to a
desired shape after forming said laminate.

²⁴ ~~171~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~170~~,²³
wherein said desired shape defines a breast cup region of the
undergarment.

²⁵ ~~172~~. (Currently amended) The method as in claim ~~170~~,²³
further comprising gluing or fusing a first region of said self
finished edge to a second region of said self finished edge to
form a continuous closed tubular undergarment.

²⁶ ~~173~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~166~~,²⁰
further comprising inserting a fabric member between said first
fabric layer and said adhesive layer.

²⁷ ~~174~~. (Currently amended) The method as in claim ~~173~~,²⁶
wherein said fabric member is selected from the group consisting
of an underwire channel, a gore, a fabric panel, a bridging
piece, and any combination ~~of the foregoing~~ thereof.

²⁸ ~~175~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~173~~,²⁶
wherein said fabric member is an underwire channel.

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~~176~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~175~~, ²⁸
further comprising inserting an underwire into said underwire
channel before or after forming said laminate.

³⁰ ~~177~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~166~~, ²⁰
wherein said first fabric layer defines an exterior layer or an
interior layer of the undergarment.

³¹ ~~178~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~166~~, ²⁰
further comprising abutting a first fabric to a second fabric to
form at least one of said first and second fabric layers.

³² ~~179~~. (Previously presented) The method as in claim ~~178~~, ³¹
further comprising inserting a bridging piece between said first
fabric layer and said adhesive layer at a juncture of said first
and second fabrics.

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~~180.~~ (Currently amended) A method of forming an undergarment comprising:

forming an adhesive layer having an adhesive-free portion;

surrounding said adhesive layer with a first fabric layer and a second fabric layer;

causing said adhesive layer to bond said first and second fabric layers together to form a laminate, said laminate having a periphery that is larger than an outer periphery of the undergarment; and

cutting said laminate along said outer periphery to form a cut edge that defines a self finished edge of the undergarment that resists unraveling, wherein said adhesive-free portion defines a non-bonded region of said first and second fabric layers.

³⁴ ~~181.~~ (Previously presented) The method as in claim ³³~~180~~, wherein said non-bonded region is a breast cup region.

³⁵ ~~182.~~ (Previously presented) The method as in claim ³⁴~~181~~, further comprising molding said non-bonded region to a desired shape after forming said laminate.

³⁶ ~~183.~~ (Previously presented) The method as in claim ³⁵~~182~~, wherein said desired shape defines a breast cup of the undergarment.

37 ~~184~~. (Currently amended) The method as in claim ~~183~~³⁶ further comprising gluing or fusing a first region of said self finished edge to a second region of said self finished edge to form a continuous closed tubular undergarment.

38 ~~185~~. (Currently amended) A method of forming an undergarment comprising:

inserting an adhesive layer between a first fabric layer and a second fabric layer;

causing said adhesive layer to form a laminate from said first and second fabric layers, said laminate having a periphery that is larger than an outer periphery of the undergarment;

cutting said laminate along said outer periphery to form a cut edge that defines a self finished edge of the undergarment;
and

gluing or fusing a first region of said self finished edge to a second region of said self finished edge so that the undergarment is a continuous closed tubular undergarment.

39 ~~186~~. (Currently amended) A method of forming an undergarment comprising:

abutting a first fabric to a second fabric to form a first fabric layer;

inserting an adhesive layer between said first fabric layer and a second fabric layer;

causing said adhesive layer to bond said first and second fabric layers together to form a laminate, said laminate having a periphery that is larger than an outer periphery of the undergarment; and

cutting said laminate along said outer periphery to form a cut edge that defines a self finished edge of the undergarment that resists unraveling.